

Newfields Planning Board Meeting August 19, 2010

Attendance: Bill Meserve, James Daley, Mark Bouzianis, Selectmen's Representative Mike Woodworth, Town Planner Clay Mitchell and Alternate Jeff Feenstra. Absent from the meeting was Mike Todd, Mike Price and John Hayden.

Bill Meserve opened the meeting at 7:05pm. Jeff Feenstra participated as a voting board member to make a quorum.

Rockingham Planning Commission has asked the Planning Board to submit a letter of support for a regional grant for sustainable initiatives. The Board reviewed a letter of support prepared by Clay. A motion was made by Mark Bouzianis and seconded by Jim Daley to send the letter on behalf of the Town of Newfields. All were in favor and the motion carried.

James & Mary Vienneau-88 Old Lee Rd.

Clay suggested that Jim & Mary Vienneau attend the next meeting in September to give an update on their conservation easement. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Mike Woodworth to continue the hearing until September. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Mark to approve the May 2010 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Mike Woodworth to approve the June 2010 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Main Street Art-MSA

Kelley Corson was present to update the Board on Main Street Art. They have not opened or received their occupancy permit in Newfields yet but they have been offering classes in Newmarket over the past year. Kelley would like to re-visit some of the conditions of approval.

Hours of Operation- The conditions of approval call for no classes on Sunday. MSA would like the Board to consider allowing workshops on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1pm. This would be after church service hours to accommodate parking. The request for the change is because more teachers are available on Sundays.

Students per Class- The current number of students allowed is 8. Main Street Art would like the Board to consider increasing the number of students per class to 10. They found that in Newmarket the class sizes ranged from 8-12 students.

After School Programs- The conditions require that elementary school children be escorted by a teacher or responsible adult from the school to the crosswalk. MSA would

like to change the condition to state that an adult will be available to safely cross the students.

Clay stated that we need a public hearing to change these three conditions. The abutters will need to be notified and the hearing noticed in the newspaper. Until the public hearing is held, MSA needs to abide by the current conditions as approved by the Planning Board.

Kelley invited the Board to the Grand Opening Celebration on October 1 from 3-7pm.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday September 16, 2010 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McKinnon